

## NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PRIDE OF HOPKINSVILLE AND THING OF BEAUTY

Magnificent Structure Opened This Week, a Model of Convenience and Completeness in All Its Departments and Appointments--A Total of 220 Pupils in Attendance, Nearly One-Third of Them From Out in the County--Sketch of the Movement For The New School and Obstacles Thrown in the Way.

Monday the Hopkinsville Public Schools opened under auspices which point to one of the best years in the history of the school. It was a great day for the school system of our city because it marked the opening of the magnificent new High School building on Walnut street. For years it has been the dream of all interested in the educational welfare of Hopkinsville that the city might have a building which would house the High School in the proper way and separate it from the grades, and in every way make it a credit to our city, and a High School second to none in the State. Now in the handsome new structure on Walnut street their dreams are realized.

The movement for the building of the High School was really started by the County Board of Education and to them much credit is due.

Under the new school laws passed several years ago, each county must

the plans of several architects, those made by Brinton Davis, of Louisville, were accepted, and soon dirt was being dug for the foundation. But after the foundation was finished, a hitch occurred. The County Board found out that they were unable to make the proper money arrangements, and so had to withdraw from the contract. At this time things looked rather blue for the building of the High School. But it is hard to find a mountain which determined men can't climb, and so the City Board determined to complete the building. It was here that Mayor Meacham and the City Council came to the aid of the new building, and by their help made possible the completion of the building. After several meetings between the members of the City Council and the City Board final arrangements were made by which it was possible to complete the building with not a

The building is three stories in height counting the basement. It is built of mission brick with stone trimmings. The basement is built of stone entirely. The floors above are of the brick, while the top of the building is surmounted by a heavy stone balustrade. Here we cannot help mentioning the front entrance. One approaches the building by means of a wide concrete walk, twenty feet in width, from which branch narrower walks to the side entrances. The steps are wide and above them tower six stone columns which rise to the topmost part of the building and which add a solemnity and dignity to the building which can only be appreciated by seeing it. Entering the front door, one sees a beautiful lobby with marble steps and floor, with paneled walls and beamed ceiling. On one side is a bronze tablet bearing the names of Barksdale Hamlett, the



High School Bldg., Walnut St.



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City Supt. of Schools.

either establish a High School to accommodate its pupils or it must make provisions whereby they may be cared for. After the passage of this law, the County School Board came before the City Board of Education with a proposition to join with them and erect a joint County and City High School. This was thought to be a great plan, as by so doing they would cement the city and county in a stronger bond, and they thought that the mingling of the city bred boys with the country bred boys would add much to the betterment of both. A committee from the County Board consisting of Messrs. Arthur Henry, Harry Rives and Tobe Morris met with the City Board committee consisting of Messrs. Barksdale Hamlett, W. A. Long and L. E. Fowler and a contract was drawn up, ground bought, an architect engaged and other matters looked into. After looking over

single brick missing. Much credit should be given to the members of these two bodies for their untiring zeal and their efforts in behalf of this building. They surmounted obstacles which would have stopped many less enthusiastic and courageous men. So today we have the magnificent new structure as a living testimonial of all that is best in our city.

But let us go to the building itself. Located on a lot ideal in every respect, with grounds sufficient for every need, it is a building of which the city and community should be very proud. To anyone who remembers the lot as it stood a few years ago, it would appear that some magic master builder had in some unaccountable way transformed it into a place of elegance and beauty. It is difficult to describe the building in full, as one must see it to fully appreciate its magnificence.

Board of Education, and Brinton Davis, the architect. On the other side is a like tablet on which are inscribed the name of our honorable mayor, Charles M. Meacham, the City Council and Forbes Manufacturing Co., the builders of the handsome structure. Going up the steps to the right is the office of the City Superintendent and leading from this is the office of the High School Principal. Both of these offices are furnished in the best of style and are large and commodious. The wood work throughout the building, with the exception of the offices, is in natural finish with mahogany trimmings.

On this first floor are located the science department, consisting of a lecture room and separate laboratories for Physics, Biology, and Chemistry. These rooms are equipped fully with the best obtainable apparatus and equipment. There

## BIG CROP OF CORN.

Former State's Attorney The Champion Corn Grower.

15 TO 20 BBLs. TO THE ACRE.

Modern Scientific Methods, Win If Faithfully Followed.

W. R. Howell, former Commonwealth's Attorney, is believed to have the best crop of corn in Trigg county. Though he made a splendid prosecuting attorney he had heard the call, "Back to the Farm," and on the farm he has been most of the time since the expiration of his term of office. He is what may be termed a progressive farmer and has fallen into the line of cultivation suggested by men who have studied the most scientific modes of making a farm pay. His present crop is expected to average from 15 to 20 barrels to the acre—75 to 100 bushels. At the present price of \$4.00 per bbl., his crop will bring \$60 to \$80 per acre. The question naturally arises what use is there in growing tobacco these troublesome times, which will yield about 800 lbs. to the acre and net about 7 cents per pound and requires a great deal more labor and risk when corn can be so much more easily raised and bring better returns. Why not cut out tobacco and follow the plan of some tobacco growers in the Burly district?

are also four class rooms on this floor, only one of which will be occupied at present. The second floor proper is reached by means of two stairways, one central staircase and another at the south end of the building.

On the second floor there are four class rooms, the large commercial room with typewriter room adjoining, the library, and the study hall or chapel. This room is very large, seating about two hundred and fifty pupils.

The basement contains cloak and hat rooms and rooms for domestic science and manual training. The main toilet rooms, furnace room, and shower baths are located on this floor. At the north end of the building is the gymnasium, which will be used alternately by the girls and boys.

The furnishings of the building are complete in every respect. The study hall is furnished with the regulation desks. Each class room is equipped with tablet arm, pedestal base chairs. The commercial department is equipped with the very latest commercial desks, and also has new typewriters and tables.

Monday morning a very impressive opening was held. Rev. H. D. Smith opened the exercises with devotional services. Next Supt. Clark, with a few well chosen remarks, introduced Mr. W. A. Long, the chairman of the Board of Education, referring to him as the one man who had probably done more toward the building of the High School than any other man. Mr. Long made his talk chiefly to the pupils and visitors. After his talk, Mr. Bowden, principal of the High School, made a short talk to the students and then the routine work of the morning was completed.

The attendance at the High School showed a wonderful increase. There are two hundred and twenty against one hundred and forty-nine last year. The country patronage also was heavy, sixty-one pupils entering on the first day.

### Only Half Sessions.

The city schools held only a half day session yesterday on account of the torrid weather. It is most probably that only half sessions will prevail today and tomorrow, or until a distinct fall of temperature.

## WOODMEN IN PARADE

City Decorated For The Big Industrial March Today.

WILL BE IMPOSING LINE.

Visitors Are Having A Round of Pleasures Mixed With Camp Drills.

Twelve companies of the Uniform Rank Woodmen of the World, being those included in the sixth division of the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, began their annual encampment here Tuesday. The tents are pitched in an ideal location in Mercer park adjoining the baseball grounds which will be used as drill grounds. Strict military regulations prevail in the camp, which has been named Camp Woodcraft.

Tuesday night a banquet was served at the camp. Speeches were made by Mayor Meacham, Councilman Dabney, Gen. Hall, Hon. Rainey T. Wells and others. A retreat was made through the city. Exhibition drills were given and finally there was a dance at the W. O. W. club rooms. The companies in camp are those of Earlington, Owensboro, Mayfield, two from Hopkinsville, Henderson, Alamo, Morton's Gap, Madisonville, Bowling Green, Woodburn and two from St. Charles. The camp will continue through Friday and each day there will be interesting features, including speeches by Governor McCreary, Senator Ollie James, Congressman A. O. Stanley, exhibition and competitive drills, band concerts, etc.

The industrial parade takes place this morning, forming at the baseball park. At 9 o'clock all taking part will begin dropping into the places assigned and the line of march will be taken up at 10:30.

The following is the order of march for the parade to day:

Starting on West Seventh, into Main, south to Fourteenth, east on Fourteenth to Virginia, north on Virginia to Ninth, east on Ninth to Campbell, north on Campbell to Seventh, in Seventh to the beginning.

Organizations taking part in parade will assemble as follows:

Police, County officers and fire Department, Band, W. O. W. on Base Ball Park st. on 7th.

Mayor, Councilmen, Pastors and all other carriages Elm st. on 7th. Floats, South side of West 7th. opposite Cleveland Ave.

Autos North side of West 7th. opposite Jessup Ave.

Horses and Shetland Ponies on Cleveland Ave. West 7th.

Fraternal Societies on Water st. right South of West 7th.

There will be many floats in the parade, some of them being not only original in design but very elaborate and expensive. Everybody owning automobiles, buggies and other vehicles are invited to take part in making the industrial parade the greatest that has ever passed through our streets. So get busy and help to make it so.

The following is the program for the afternoon and evening:  
Competitive Drills.....2:00 p. m.  
Retreat through the city.....7:15  
Governor Jar. B. McCreary made a Woodman on sight, Latham Hotel and by escort of honor conducted to Tabernacle.....7:45  
Conference of Amplified Protection Degree of 300 Candidates in Tabernacle Madisonville Team.....8:00

### TOMORROW'S PROGRAM:

Awarding Prize.....3:00 p. m.  
Final retreat through city.....7:30

All business houses are beautifully decorated and the word "WELCOME" is to be seen everywhere. The visitors will not soon forget the best Kentucky town on the map.

## ENORMOUS INCREASES

In The Franchise Assessments Of The State Of Kentucky.

THE L. & N. HARDEST HIT.

Was Given A Raise Of More Than Three Hundred Percent.

Frankfort, Ky.—The State Board of Valuation and Assessment has finished its work of assessing the franchises of the railroad, express companies and traction companies, corporations of the State, and increases amounting to about \$100,000,000 have been decided upon. These increases, if sustained by the courts, will net the State alone about \$500,000 additional revenue. In addition the assessment will be certified to the various cities, towns and counties, and if the assessments are followed they will mean an increase in the State, counties and cities of nearly \$2,000,000 in taxes.

The board, it is learned, did not consider any compromise in the matter, but cut the assessment agreed upon earlier in the year. At that time it was decided to make the whole increase about \$137,000,000, but after some discussion it was decided to reduce this to \$100,000,000.

### Fight In Courts Likely.

It is believed to be certain that the corporations headed by the L. & N. railway will fight the matter in the courts. This will delay action and probably will mean an extra session of the Legislature to raise money to run the State while the matter is in the courts.

Among the principal increases, in round numbers, are the following:

L. & N. railroad, from \$11,000,000 in 1911 to \$45,000,000.

Chesapeake & Ohio railway, from \$2,700,000 in 1911 to \$19,000,000.

Illinois Central railway, from \$3,500,000 in 1911 to \$11,000,000.

Louisville Railway Company and its interurban lines, from about \$10,000,000 in 1911 to \$15,000,000.

### FISCAL COURT

Held All Day Session Last Tuesday.

The Fiscal Court met last Tuesday and held an all day session. All the magistrates were present excepting Esq. M. J. Cooper, who was not well enough to attend. Many important matters were taken up and disposed of.

The cost of holding the August primary election was allowed, amounting to \$350.

The general and poorhouse claims, amounting to about \$450, were allowed.

Seventy-five dollars was appropriated to build 200 yards of turnpike on the Highland Lick road, between Kirkmansville and Johnson Mill roads.

E. W. Coleman was ordered to make contracts for crushed rock and furnish same to all persons who will haul and scatter it on turnpikes to be repaired.

A. C. Myers and W. B. Martin were appointed a committee to measure and receive the Johnson Mill pike.

An order was made requiring R. F. and C. Vaughan to complete the pike between Hopkinsville and Lafayette by January 1, 1913.

A committee was appointed to audit the report of Miss Jennie West, chairman of the county board of school trustees.

### Council Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council will be held tomorrow night.



Hopkinsville School Board

Right to left, top row: J. E. McPherson, J. B. Braden, L. E. Fowler. Bottom row: J. T. Wall, W. A. Long, T. W. Morris, and L. Smith.